

In the specification:

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following amended paragraph:

[0020] In the illustrated embodiment of the invention, and as best seen in FIGS. 2 and 4, between particular outer guide elements, 40 and 42, there are gaps 49. Preferably disposed between transverse web portions 50 and 52 corresponding to adjacent outer guide elements 40 and 42, and preferably disposed on or substantially on the central rib 36, there is a barb mount 60 for receiving a fastener therein. In the illustrated embodiment, the barb mount supports a barb 54 thereon and has an internally threaded aperture 78 therein. As seen in FIGS. 4 and 5, the barb 54 includes a pair of arms 64 bent back relative to a body portion 62 at an angle greater than 90.degree. so that the arms angle towards each other. The barb body 62 is mountable upon the barb mount 60 and retainable thereon by an externally threaded screw 58 or other fastener which penetrates a hole 56 in the barb and is directed into the internally threaded screw aperture 78 in the barb mount 60. Externally threaded screw 58 or other fastener may also serve as a release mechanism adapted to release barbs 54 from retaining a first cable duct section positioned within a first duct-receiving portion of coupler 20. Thus, the barbs 54 are mounted in gaps 49 between particular outer guide elements 40 and 42. In a preferred embodiment of the invention, the barb may have serrated edges 66 at the distal ends of its arms 64. The serrated edges permit the barb arms to more reliably engage inserted cable duct sections so as to resist withdrawal of the section from the coupler. In particular, the serrated edge may "bite" or "dig" into the material of the duct section 12, such as extruded plastic.